

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Shane D. Pannell et al.  
Application Number : 10/783,169  
Date of Filing : February 19, 2004  
Title : *EXTERNAL CHEMICAL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM  
AND METHOD*  
Confirmation No. : 7168  
Art Unit : 3752  
Examiner : Christopher S. Kim  
USPTO Customer No. : 26707  
Attorney Docket No. : 122308.00003

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 1, 2005, Applicant(s) respectfully submit the following preliminary amendment, together with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R 1.114 which is submitted herewith. Applicants request reconsideration and further examination of the Application in view of the amendments and/or comments as set forth below.

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims: Begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks: Begin on page 7.

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